

1877

1912 Dates J-BK

(- 1904) Chief JOSEPH

A great general of the NEZ PERCÉS and their leader in the hostilities of 1877. Joseph & his band did not recognize the treaty of 1863 whereby their ancient home in northeast Oregon was given to the whites and continued to live there. Collisions between Indians and whites steadily increased. A peaceful settlement by the removal of

the Indians to LAPWAI reservation in Idaho
was nearly effected when outrageous
acts of the whites brought on war. The
whites lost heavily in several
engagements, after which extraordinary
generalship by Joseph in a retreat
over 1000 miles, "worthy to be remembered
with that of XENOPHON'S ten thousand."